

## CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 1    1.    Headwear, comprising:  
2            a crown; and  
3            a fastening mechanism having two coupling devices coupled to the crown and a  
4            belt detachably coupled to the coupling devices.
- 1    2.    The headwear as recited in claim 1, wherein the belt is resiliently elastic.
- 1    3.    The headwear as recited in claim 1, wherein the belt is not significantly elastic.
- 1    4.    The headwear as recited in claim 1, wherein the belt has indicia thereon.
- 1    5.    The headwear as recited in claim 1, further comprising a second belt for replacing  
2            the belt.
- 1    6.    The headwear as recited in claim 1, wherein the coupling devices are buckles.
- 1    7.    The headwear as recited in claim 1, wherein the coupling devices are selected  
2            from a group consisting of: buckles implementing compression fittings for  
3            holding the belt in place, snap type fasteners, hooks or loops type fasteners, a

4 buckle having a catch or prong that is insertable through complementary holes in  
5 the belt, and combinations thereof.

1 8. The headwear as recited in claim 1, further comprising fixing bands extending  
2 between the coupling devices and the crown.

1 9. The headwear as recited in claim 8, wherein the fixing bands are resiliently  
2 elastic.

1 10. The headwear as recited in claim 8, wherein the fixing bands are positionable  
2 between a retracted position and an extended position with respect to the crown.

1 11. The headwear as recited in claim 1, wherein the fixing bands extend from pockets  
2 formed in the crown.

1 12. The headwear as recited in claim 1, wherein pockets are formed in the crown for  
2 receiving ends of the belt.

1 13. Headwear, comprising:  
2 a crown;  
3 opposing fixing bands coupled to the crown along a lower periphery thereof;  
4 first and second coupling devices each coupled to one of the fixing bands; and  
5 a belt detachably coupled to the coupling devices.

- 1    14.    The headwear as recited in claim 13, wherein the belt is resiliently elastic.
- 1    15.    The headwear as recited in claim 13, wherein the belt is not significantly elastic.
- 1    16.    The headwear as recited in claim 13, wherein the belt has indicia thereon.
- 1    17.    The headwear as recited in claim 13, further comprising a second belt for  
2       replacing the belt.
- 1    18.    The headwear as recited in claim 13, wherein the coupling devices are selected  
2       from a group consisting of: buckles, buckles implementing compression fittings  
3       for holding the belt in place, snap type fasteners, hooks or loops type fasteners, a  
4       buckle having a catch or prong that is insertable through complementary holes in  
5       the belt, and combinations thereof.
- 1    19.    The headwear as recited in claim 13, wherein the fixing bands are resiliently  
2       elastic.
- 1    20.    The headwear as recited in claim 13, wherein the fixing bands are positionable  
2       between a retracted position and an extended position with respect to the crown.

- 1    21.    The headwear as recited in claim 13, wherein the fixing bands extend from  
2           pockets formed in the crown.
- 1    22.    The headwear as recited in claim 13, wherein pockets are formed in the crown for  
2           receiving ends of the belt.
- 1    23.    Headwear, comprising:  
2           a generally hemisphereically-shaped crown formed of multiple gores, the crown  
3                  having a front, a rear, and a lower periphery;  
4           a bill coupled to the front of the crown;  
5           opposing fixing bands coupled to the crown along the lower periphery thereof  
6                  towards the rear of the crown;  
7           first and second coupling devices each coupled to one of the fixing bands;  
8           a first belt detachably coupleable to the coupling devices; and  
9           a second belt detachably coupleable to the coupling devices;  
10          wherein the fixing bands are resiliently elastic;  
11          wherein the coupling devices are selected from a group consisting of: buckles,  
12                  buckles implementing compression fittings for holding the belt in place,  
13                  snap type fasteners, hooks or loops type fasteners, a buckle having a catch  
14                  or prong that is insertable through complementary holes in the belt, and  
15                  combinations thereof;  
16          wherein the first belt has indicia thereon;

17 wherein the second belt has indicia thereon that is different from the indicia on the  
18 first belt;  
19 wherein pockets are formed in the crown along the lower periphery thereof,  
20 wherein ends of the belts are receivable in the pockets.

1 24. The headwear as recited in claim 23, wherein the first and second belts are  
2 resiliently elastic.

1 25. The headwear as recited in claim 23, wherein the first belt is resiliently elastic,  
2 wherein the second belt is not significantly elastic.

1 26. The headwear as recited in claim 23, wherein the fixing bands are resiliently  
2 elastic.

1 27. The headwear as recited in claim 23, wherein the fixing bands are positionable  
2 between a retracted position and an extended position with respect to the crown.

1 28. The headwear as recited in claim 23, wherein the fixing bands extend from the  
2 pockets formed in the crown.

1 29. Headwear, comprising:  
2 a crown;

3 a resiliently elastic belt having a first end thereof coupled to the crown and a  
4 second end thereof being free;  
5 a coupling device coupled to the crown for detachable coupling to the belt.

1 30. The headwear as recited in claim 29, wherein the belt has indicia thereon.

1 31. The headwear as recited in claim 29, further comprising a fixing band extending  
2 between the coupling device and the crown.